

HOUSE BILL 833

By DuBois

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39,
Chapter 17, Part 4, relative to the duty to render
aid to certain persons.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39, Chapter 17, Part 4, is amended by
adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated section:

Section 39-17-452

(a) It is an offense for a person to fail or refuse to render aid to someone who is unconscious or in obvious physical distress if such person knows or reasonably should know that the unconsciousness or distress is the result of that person having consumed, taken, ingested, or otherwise introduced into the body a sufficient quantity of alcohol, a controlled substance or other drug. Such aid shall take the form of timely notifying 911 or the proper authorities of a medical emergency or transporting the person to a hospital if notification is not possible.

(b) A violation of this section is a Class A misdemeanor punishable by fine only in an amount not less than two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500) nor more than five thousand dollars (\$5,000).

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007, the public welfare requiring it.